

Welcoming Remark



Hello! I am Chang Kil Lee, president of the Korea Association for Crisis and Emergency Management Association. First of all, I sincerely congratulate on the successful opening of the 2023 Asian Conference on Crisisonomy. In addition, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to President An Chen for inviting me to this precious event, Jae Eun Lee who worked hard to prepare, and to the organizing and preparatory committee members.

Various regions in Asia are suffering from increasingly diverse and large-scale natural and social disasters, such as infectious diseases, earthquakes, storm and flood damage, fires, safety accidents in aging facilities, and building collapses. In particular, disaster safety policies in Asian countries are changing rapidly due to the occurrence of unprecedented accidents such as the continuation of the long-term COVID-19 situation, the increase in the risk of climate change, and the increase in damage from complex disasters that threaten multiple disasters at the same time. As a result, the public's trust in the government is very low and the feeling of anxiety is increasing.

It's a sad reality, but disasters are no longer perfectly controllable, but are becoming a part of our lives. Accordingly, effective alternative discussions and cooperation for more rapid, effective, and professional response are urgently requested. We will have to faithfully play our role in building and continuously utilizing disaster safety knowledge with enhanced tangibility and predictability.

Through this excellent presentation and discussion of the ACC, it is expected that a comprehensive analysis, reinterpretation, and practical approach to the field and complexity of disaster management will be made. In addition, I am confident that the passion and wisdom of many experts and practitioners gathered at today's conference will play a major role in leading Asia safe from future disasters.

KACEM has been making sincere efforts to contribute to the establishment of the theoretical foundation of Korea's crisis management and the improvement of practical expertise on the various sites. In the future, AAC and KACAM will achieve practical results together in systematizing crisis management research, interdisciplinary communication, fostering experts, and developing policies to ensure security and human dignity in Asia.

Once again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the participants in the conference and to those involved in preparing this meaningful event.